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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MEIR S. SACKS ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/981,222

Filed: October 16, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Francisco C. Prats

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: COMPOSITIONS FOR RAISING
: URIC ACID LEVELS AND METHODS
: OF USING THE SAME
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: Attorney Docket No. MSS 49400
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

April 7, 2003

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 5, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-7, 13-18 and 20-22, drawn to compositions comprising uric acid derivatives.

For species (a), Applicants elect, with traverse, xanthosine as the uric acid derivative. At least Claims 1-3, 8-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-33 read on this species.

For species (b), Applicants elect, with traverse, vitamin C. Claims 1-33 read on this species.

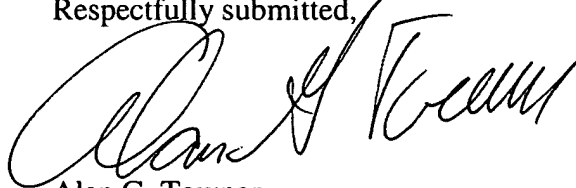
For species (c), Applicants elect, with traverse, neurodegenerative disease. Claims 1-33 read on this species.

For species (d), Applicants elect, with traverse, hypoxanthine. Claims 1-33 read on this species.

Accompanying this response is a one-month petition for extension of time, extending the period for response through Monday, April 7, 2003. Also accompanying this response is an Information Disclosure Statement.

In the event that it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (412) 263-4340.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan G. Towner', written in a cursive style.

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